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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2003 for three(3) months from August 5, 2003 to November 5, 2003. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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